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Old Bank of Somerset
Princess Anne
private

c. 1884

Distinctive among the nineteenth-century commercial buildings of Princess Anne is the Old Bank of Somerset, a two-story, three-bay brick structure highlighted with round as well as pointed arch window openings. Matching paneled doors flank the center, round arched window opening that is distinguished by a molded brick window head. The second floor follows a similar arrangement with two-over-two sash windows flanking a large center window. In contrast to the first floor, a pair of narrow lancet windows were designed under a modified version of the molded brick head. Additional embellishments include a decorative, corbelled brick cornice and projecting corner pilasters. Attached to the back of the building is a pyramidal roofed addition detailed in a similar manner.

Although this building housed the Bank of Somerset offices after the bank was organized in 1889, the structure was actually erected by the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Somerset and Worcester counties after the insurance company purchased the unimproved "Hotel Property" lot from Price J. Patton in 1884. Evidently the bank rented the office until it was decided to erect its own building on the west side of Somerset Avenue. In 1955, the board of directors of the insurance company sold the brick office and lot to attorney, Edgar A. Jones, and the structure has served as a law office since that time.

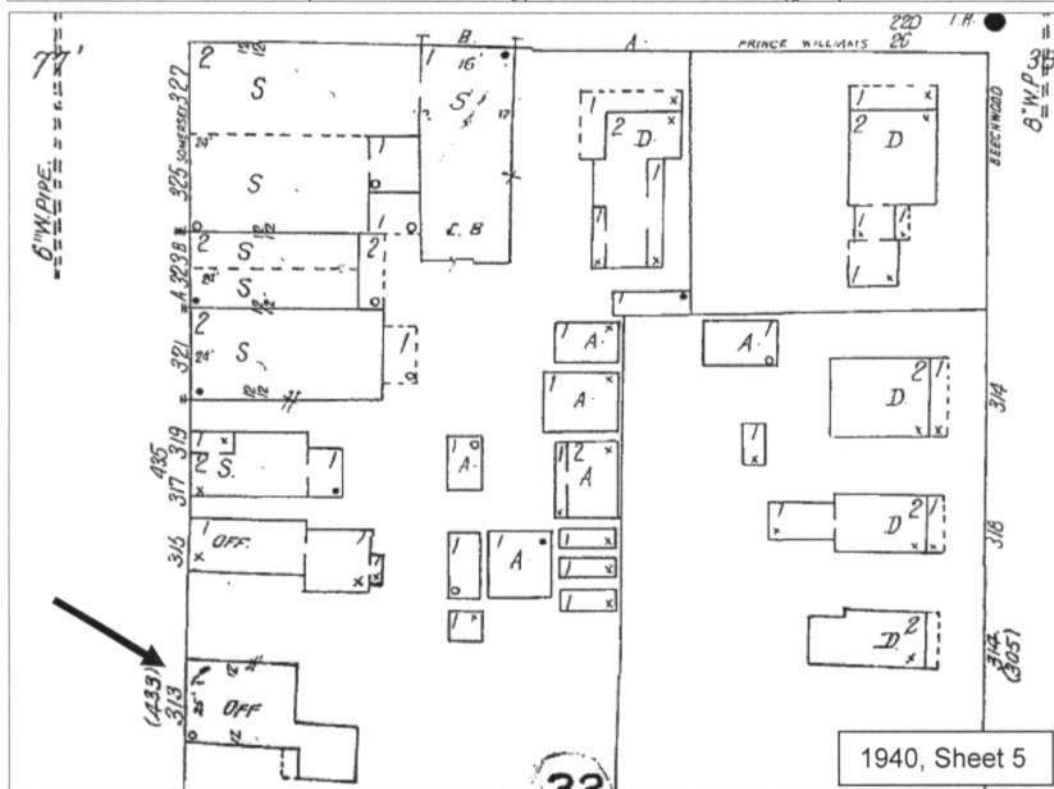
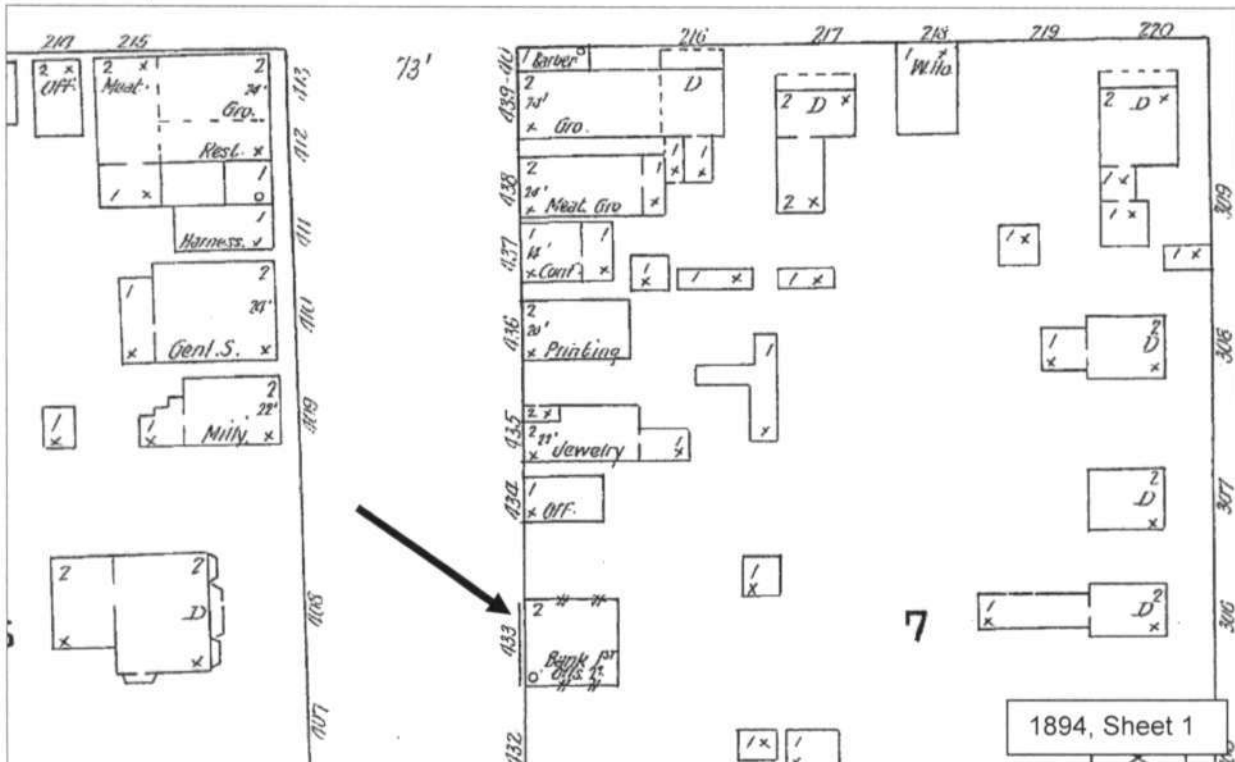
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1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Somerset</u> TOWN <u>Princess Anne</u> CITY STREET NO. <u>311-313 N. Somerset Ave.</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>Bank</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Mr. Edgar A. Jones</u> PRESENT USE <u>Law Office</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Common Bond Brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>two</u>		2. NAME <u>Old Somerset Bank</u> s-22 DATE OR PERIOD <u>c. 1875</u> STYLE <u>Victorian Gothic</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>no</u>			
<p>This building is made of polished Victorian brick. The building has an A-roof with the peak on the front.</p> <p>The building is three bays wide. The 1st floor has a large central window with a rounded arch flanked on either side by doors with segmented arched frames. The central window is surrounded by an arch composed of three rows of recessing brick, ending in brackets of molded brick. The 2nd storey has a segmented arched window above each door. The central window on the 2nd floor is cut into two pointed Gothic windows surrounded by brick frames. All this is surrounded by the arched brick frame like the one on the first floor.</p> <p>There are pilasters of brick on the corners of the building. The roof cornice is faced with brick brackets.</p> <p>Originally the Victorian windows (2/2) were barred, but the bars were given to the scrap metal drive in World War Two.</p> <p>This is an attractive building on the Main Street of Princess Anne and is the best commercial example of Victorian Gothic architecture.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
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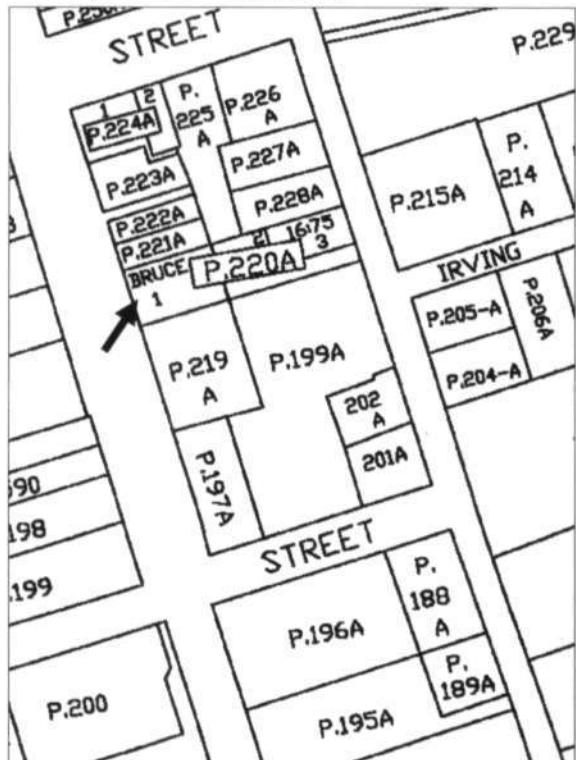
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